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#### GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

### Executive Office of the Mayor



Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development



### NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY

## New Communities Initiative Comprehensive Youth Development and Community Wellness Programs

The District's Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development (ODMPED) invites the submission of applications for the New Communities Initiative, Youth Development and Community Wellness Grants pursuant to "Economic Development Liaison Office Establishment Act," effective August 16, 2008 (D.C. Law 17-219; D.C. Official Code § 2-1203.01 et seq.) (as amended) and Mayor's Order 2008-165, dated December 31, 2008. There is up to \$500,000 dollars available for this round of funding.

The New Communities Initiative Human Capital Plan requires grantee organizations to provide Community Health and Wellness and Youth Development programs. Community Health and Wellness programming shall include a focus on healthy living, and making smart choices related to health and wellness. The program targets seniors (55 years and older) as well as youth (up to age 24). Examples include: health education programs, health screenings and testing, outreach and activities (i.e.: treatment and prevention; food selection and food preparation, etc.).

Youth Development and/or Senior oriented programming focus on improving the lives and economic opportunities for seniors (55 years and older) and youth (up to age 24). Examples include: financial literacy programs, youth enrichment programs, pre-retirement planning, youth parenting classes, and higher education mentoring programs (i.e. SAT prep., application and financial aid instruction etc.).

The target populations for this initiative are heads of households and their families residing in the designated New Communities areas: Park Morton (Ward 1), Northwest One (Ward 6), Lincoln Heights / Richardson Dwellings (Ward 7) and Barry Farm (Ward 8). The Human Capital Team in the ODMPED will work with grantees to verify that clients are eligible for New Communities funded programs/services. The goal of the grant is to fund programs that will improve the quality of life of New Communities residents.

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Not-for-Profit organizations that meet all of the following criteria are eligible to apply:

- 1. Have a federal 501 (c) (3) tax-exempt status and must be organized under the District of Columbia Non-profit Corporation Act (DC Code, sec.29-501 et seq.). <u>Eligible</u> <u>applicants must have tax exempt status for two consecutive years prior to application submission</u>.
- 2. Have a principal place of business located within the District of Columbia.
- 3. Demonstrate a commitment to the NCI target area where the project is proposed through a successful track record of offering and operating programs, projects, services, or facilities.
- 4. Be a registered organization in good standing with the DC Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs, Corporation Division, the Office of Tax and Revenue, and the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).
- 5. Cannot be classified as an ineligible applicant listed below.
- 6. Be a community-based organization(s), defined as: non-profit agency with an active board of directors that is familiar with the community served.

NOTE: For organizations that are former and current NCI grantees, NCI staff will evaluate performance under their previous and/or current grant agreement. This includes timely submission of monthly and final close-out reports, site visit reports, and implementation of the program in accordance with the executed grant agreement. \*If your organization has not completed or submitted a final close-out report for a prior year's grant for which programming has ended.

\*Applicants must be current and in good standing with all other funding received from any other District of Columbia agency.

The Request for Applications will be released on **Monday**, **June 24**, **2013** and **the deadline for submission is Thursday**, **August 8**, **2013** at **6:00 pm**. The RFA will be available online via DMPED's website @ <a href="www.dmped.dc.gov">www.dmped.dc.gov</a> or OPGS District Grants Clearinghouse at <a href="www.opgs.dc.gov">www.opgs.dc.gov</a>. All inquiries should be directed to the New Communities Human Capital Team at (202) 724-8111.

A Pre-Application Conference will be held on Tuesday, July 9, 2013 at 10:00am – 11:30am. 1100 4<sup>th</sup> Street, SW, Washington, D.C. 20024. Conference Room 200